



Synopsis

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WEDI SNIP HIPAA Implementation Summit: *Working Towards Solutions*

Conference Goal

WEDI SNIP is pleased to invite you to attend its HIPAA Implementation Summit scheduled for November 12 –14, 2001, in Orlando, Florida. At this conference you will see HIPAA myths unveiled, implementation models revisited, and IT strategies refined. **Working Towards Solutions** is the theme of the conference. Everyone who is part of the conference is focused on providing you with options and approaches that will help you solve your HIPAA implementation challenges. Come to this two and one half day conference and get the help you need to determine the strategies you need to implement HIPAA in your organization.

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Hotel and Registration Information

Wyndham Orlando Resort
8001 International Drive
Orlando, FL
407-351-2420 or 800-421-8001

The Wyndham Orlando Resort, located 12 miles from the Orlando International Airport, is the site for the SNIP Implementation Summit, November 12 –14. For those interested in enjoying the newly renovated resort and surrounding Florida fun either before or after the meeting dates, the special WEDI SNIP Summit rate of \$109 is available for the November 8 -18th time period. The Wyndham Orlando resort is surrounded by 42 acres of lagoons and tropical gardens and offers three heated swimming pools, four lighted tennis courts and several nearby golf courses. It is also only minutes away from Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando, and Sea World. See the [WEDI SNIP website](#) for registration information.

Be sure to call the Wyndham Orlando Resort at 407/351-2420, or 800/421-8001 **before October 21 to** reserve your guest room at the WEDI SNIP Summit rate of \$109 single/double. Be sure to mention the WEDI SNIP Summit rate when you call and make your reservation.

Conference Program - Don't Miss This Great Agenda!

The conference will offer both general and breakout sessions. The general sessions will feature speakers and topics that you don't want to miss. Monday morning will begin with Bill Bysinger explaining why "HIPAA Has to Happen." Lunch on Monday will present us with a panel discussion of HIPAA enforcement featuring a panel of legal, government and industry experts highlighted by Donna Eden from Health and Human Services. Breakout sessions will offer concurrent sessions focusing on Transactions, Security /Privacy, and Provider issues. We're also including some "HIPAA 101" sessions for attendees who are new to HIPAA.

Tuesday morning's general session will feature Rose Crum-Johnson, Consortium Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (our old friend HCFA). Breakout sessions will take us to lunch when Alan Goldberg who will present "Pithy, Pointed HIPAAhopping: Critical Real Life Concerns for the HIPAAwary." Alan is a HIPAA speaker who will keep you on the edge of your seat from salad through dessert. More breakout sessions will take us through the afternoon.

Wednesday morning will bring us Jon Zimmerman and a general session on "Administrative Simplification through eHealth." Breakout sessions will take us to adjournment at 12:55 pm when you will be simply bursting at the seams with HIPAA solutions and ready to conquer the world of Administrative Simplification.

Wondering what's in all those breakout sessions? Here is just a sampling.

Testing and Certification – Shorten the timeframe and make the testing process more manageable.

Meet the New WEDI SNIP Small Practices Sub-Workgroup that focuses on the needs of small practices (fewer than 10 providers) that can't afford to hire a soup-to-nuts HIPAA consultant to help them come into compliance. If this description fits you, don't miss this session.

Getting Acquainted with HIPAA is a primer for those individuals who have had limited exposure to HIPAA. If you are a HIPAA neophyte, this session is your chance to come up to speed to maximize your understanding of the rest of the conference.

HIPAA Security and Privacy Gap Analyses will let you learn from the experience of those who have been there, done that. There will be real live case studies for you to hear.

HIPAA and the Small Physician Office: Hassle or Opportunity? Will open your eyes to the unprecedented opportunity HIPAA offers to streamline procedures and improve efficiency and get your staff off the phone and back to patient care.

HIPAA from the Medicare Perspective will give you an opportunity to see HIPAA from Medicare's viewpoint and share with you the implementation status, plans and lessons learned as Medicare as proceeded with implementing HIPAA.

Early Experiences with HIPAA Transaction Sets: Is There a Data Gap? Will share with you the efforts to close the gap between the information required in the Implementation Guides and the information providers are able to supply with their current systems.

Regional HIPAA Implementation Efforts: Getting Up Close and Personal with HIPAA will bring you up to date with the latest efforts at the state and local levels to bring together providers, plans, clearinghouses and governmental agencies to work collaboratively towards successful implementation of HIPAA.

Privacy Policies and Procedures: Methodology and Resources for a Solution will share with you the work of the Security and Privacy Policies and Procedure sub-workgroup and share with you a tremendous resource for policy and procedure development plus the efforts of two organizations to develop Privacy policies and procedures.

And that is just part of the first day!!! [Click here](#) for the complete Program of Events for the conference.

Many Thanks

WEDI SNIP is truly grateful to the following companies for donating conference call lines for WEDI SNIP activities:

Anthem BCBS
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The TriZetto Group, Inc.
UNISYS Corporation

If you are interested in making in-kind support for WEDI SNIP activities, please contact Kristin Becker at 703-391-2714.

What's New

WEDI SNIP HIPAA Implementation Survey

WEDI SNIP recently introduced an implementation survey. The purpose of this survey is to assess the progress of industry-level HIPAA implementation efforts related to Transactions, Code Sets and Privacy only. Future surveys will address other HIPAA requirements.

WEDI SNIP will announce the aggregated survey results at the WEDI SNIP Summit and will also make this information available via the WEDI SNIP web site. For more information regarding the survey and the upcoming Implementation Summit, please visit <http://snip.wedi.org>.

Regional SNIP Affiliate Program

WEDI SNIP recognizes that Administrative Simplification is achieved at the local, community level and seeks to acknowledge efforts that bring implementers together to collaborate on solutions for issues and obstacles to achieving this goal. It is in that spirit

that WEDI SNIP extended an invitation to regional HIPAA groups to become a *Regional WEDI SNIP Affiliate*. WEDI SNIP developed a set of guidelines, principles and an application (<http://snip.wedi.org/public/articles/details.cfm?id=221>) to provide consistency and support of the WEDI SNIP mission in an open, collaborative process. To date, we received significant response nationwide. Listed below are the efforts that have been accorded the WEDI SNIP Affiliate status:

Colorado CoSNIP/HIPAA Group

Region Covered: Colorado

Website: www.cosnip.com

Michael Boyson, michael.boyson@chhn.com

Community Health Information Technology Alliance (CHITA) Foundation for Health Care Quality

Region Covered: Pacific Northwest

Website: CHITA.org

Elizabeth Ward, eward@qualityhealth.org

e-Pennsylvania Alliance

Region Covered: Pennsylvania (one DE health system also participating)

Website: www.e-paalliance.org

Martin Ciccocioppo, martinc@haponline.org

Health Care Interchange of Michigan, HCIM

Region Covered: Michigan

Website: New site in development

Dennis McCafferty, dmccafferty@msms.org

Idaho HIPAA Coordinating Council

Region Covered: Idaho (providers)

Website: www2.state.id.us/dhw/hipaa/cc/council_home.htm

Ron Hodge, hipaacc@idhw.state.id.us

Indiana HIPAA Consortium

Region Covered: Indiana

Website: www.verias.com

Bob McDaniel, bmcdaniel@verias.com

Indiana HIPAA Workgroup

Region Covered: Indiana

Website: www.indianahipaa.org

Chris Mickens, cmickens@isdh.state.in.us

Mid-Atlantic Health/HIPAA Initiative (MAHI)

Region Covered: Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware (*tentative*), West Virginia (*tentative*)

Website: www.mahicentral.org

Ruth Tucci-Kaufhold, ruth.tucci-kaufhold@unisys.com

The New Mexico Coalition for Healthcare Information Leadership Initiatives, NM CHILI

Region Covered: New Mexico

Website: www.heathlinknm.org/nmchili

Mark Padilla, mpadilla@hchorizons.com

Utah Health Information Network, UHIN

Region Covered: Utah

Website: www.uhin.com

Bart Killian, bkillian@uhin.com

WNYHealtheNet

Region Covered: Eight counties of Western NY surrounding Buffalo

Website: In development

Chuck Scully, cscully@wnychs.org

CD Archives of SNIP Webcasts Available

WEDI SNIP will host educational webcasts regarding pressing HIPAA implementation issues on a regular basis. To date, we have successfully hosted two well-attended webcasts. CDs for these two forums are now available for purchase on the WEDI SNIP web site for only \$125 each. You can obtain copies on the WEDI SNIP web site:

<http://snip.wedi.org/public/articles/details.cfm?id=21>

Below is a brief overview of each webcast.

May 31, 2001 Webcast - Transactions Business Issues

This webcast included a panel of industry experts discussing the hottest topics in transactions standards. Presenters addressed key issues from two WEDI SNIP Business Issues White Papers: Direct Data Entry and Data Code Set Compliance. The primary authors of the White Papers provided a short presentation on the White Papers, engaged in a discussion of the key issues with an industry panel, and addressed questions submitted by the audience.

September 26, 2001 Webcast - Implementing HIPAA Privacy: What's New in the HHS Privacy Guidance

The webcast provided an insightful overview of the HIPAA Privacy Guidance, published by DHHS on July 6, 2001. You will hear from leading experts on the WEDI SNIP Security and Privacy Workgroup regarding how the guidance impacts HIPAA implementation. This compelling presentation answers key questions, including: What did/did not change? What issues still exist? What questions remain unanswered? How did the guidance simplify implementation?

Webcast speakers include authors of the Security and Privacy White Papers, as well as representatives from the Office of Civil Rights and Davis Wright Tremaine, LLC.

New White Papers

WEDI SNIP Workgroups actively consider pressing HIPAA implementation issues and write white papers that highlight these key issues. WEDI SNIP is pleased to announce two new white papers. See below for more specific information on each white paper published to date.

White Papers Posted for Discussion

We invite you to post your comments and reactions to any of the papers via the SNIP [Discussion Forum](#).

Impact on DDE Services - published 03/05/01

This paper discusses the impact of HIPAA's Transactions and Code Sets rule on the use of direct data entry (DDE) services such as web, character terminal and other on-line screen services offered by payers to providers. The paper clarifies the requirements for meeting full data content and identifies specific questions related to these services they have submitted to HHS for clarification. [Click here](#) to view the paper.

New! Transaction Sequencing White Paper

This paper defines a deployment plan for implementing the HIPAA transactions throughout the healthcare industry within the regulatory timeline. The paper provides a framework for an orderly transition from current non-standard trading file structures to ANSI ASC X12N Transactions and Code Set Standards. The paper also references the work being done by National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) to define similar guidelines for implementing pharmacy transactions named in the final rule. Projections for implementation costs and FTE allocations are also included. [Click here](#) to view the paper.

Data and Code Set Compliance - published 01/11/01

Data and Code Set Compliance is a white paper describing the business issues and recommended short and long term solutions associated with data and code set compliance. [Click here](#) to view the paper.

Trading Partner Agreements - published 11/30/01

This white paper examines trading partner agreements and the business issues and recommended solutions arising from their implementation. [Click here](#) to view the paper.

Testing and Certification - published 03/09/01

Testing and Certification discusses the workgroup's recommended solutions associated with compliance certification of the HIPAA transactions. [Click here](#) to view the paper.

Business-to-Business Transaction Set Testing - published 01/19/01

This white paper discusses the issues and options surrounding transaction set testing between business partners. [Click here](#) to view the paper.

NDC Codes - published 05/03/01

This white paper gives a general overview and options associated with issues related to NDC codes replacing HCPCS drug codes. [Click here](#) to access the paper.

New! Security and Privacy White Papers - Version 3.0 Draft published 07/05/01

This collection of the white papers produced by the Security and Privacy workgroup includes the following topics: Awareness Training and Education; Audit Trail Clarification; Organizational Change Management; Certification – Accreditation; Vendor Technologies and Interdependencies; De-identification; Minimum Necessary; Notice, Consent and Authorization; Paper versus Electronic Records; Preemption; and appendices or an appendix listing Privacy Rule definitions and an outline of the Privacy Rule in table format. [Click here](#) to access the papers.

Workgroup Activities

Security and Privacy

The Security and Privacy workgroup offers the following smaller workgroups for members interested in working on specific implementation issues:

- ?? Awareness/Organizational Change Management
- ?? Certifications
- ?? Audit Trails
- ?? Vendor Technologies and Interdependencies
- ?? Pre-emption
- ?? Minimum Necessary
- ?? De-identify/Re-identify
- ?? Notice vs. Patient Consent
- ?? Electronic vs. Paper
- ?? Policies and Procedures
- ?? Access and Amendment
- ?? Small Provider Practices

Transactions

The Transactions workgroup offers the opportunity to work within the following sub-workgroups:

- ?? Sequencing
- ?? Data Review
- ?? Translations
- ?? Testing
- ?? Business Issues

Education and Awareness

The Education and Awareness workgroup invites participants to join its working groups that focus on the following areas:

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| ?? State and Regional Efforts | Vendor Education |
| ?? Institutional Provider Education | Pharmacy Education |
| ?? Professional Provider Education | Employer Education |
| ?? Health Plan Education | Web Initiatives |

To join any of these workgroups, visit the WEDI SNIP website at www.wedi.org/snip and click on “Get Involved” or [click here](#).